GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Expenditure from MPLAD Funds
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Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that many Ministries have asked all the Members of Parliament to spend funds for various central schemes from the MPLAD funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is going to increase the MPLAD funds as per the report of Committee on MPLAD Scheme during this Budget Session;

(d) if so, details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION [SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA]

(a) & (b): Guidelines on Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS) provides for convergence of MPLADS with Central Government schemes such as MGNREGA, Khelo India: National Programme for Development of Sports, Saansad Adarsh Gram Yojana, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Atal Jyoti Yojana for providing solar lighting systems and for construction of shelters and equipment for imparting training for skill development.

The Central Schemes concerning various Ministries are administered by the respective Ministry. The concerned Ministry may request the Hon'ble Members of Parliament to contribute from their MPLADS fund for augmenting their schemes as per the extant provisions of Guidelines on MPLADS. However, recommendations / contributions by the MPs are voluntary, as per the very nature of the Scheme.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.

(e): The issue of enhancement of annual allocation of MPLADS fund was referred to Ministry of Finance which has conveyed that it is not possible to find fiscal space for such huge liability on the exchequer in a fiscally constrained environment where scarce resources are to be allocated among competing demand of various flagship programmes catering to socio-economic / infrastructural as well as special needs.

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